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Production of Fruits and Vegetables
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for the production of fruits and vegetables in various States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;

(c) whether it is a fact that lack of water for irrigation has affected the production of fruits and vegetables in various States of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided by the Government in this regard, State-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to boost the production of onions, tomatoes, potatoes etc. in various States of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): For the XII plan period the overall target for enhancement of production of horticultural crops was fixed at 310 million metric ton to be achieved by 2016-17. To achieve this target, states in turn prepare detailed Annual Action Plan (AAP) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), fixing targets for various activities for promotion of horticulture.

(b): The details of fruits and vegetables production in various states of the country, including Chhattisgarh, during the last three years and the current year, state wise are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(c): There has been drought in few states in the country during 2014-15, which has affected production of vegetable crops in some states. However, overall production of horticulture crops has increased.

(d): Details of assistance provided / likely to be provided by Government of India to various states for promotion of horticulture crops during 2012-17 are at Annexure III and IV.
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(e): Under MIDH, assistance is provided to various interventions for enhancement/promotion of production of fruits and vegetables including onion, potato and tomato through the following interventions:

â€¢ Area expansion (establishment of new orchards/gardens)
â€¢ Rejuvenation of old and senile orchards
â€¢ Setting up and strengthening of Tissue Culture (TC) units
â€¢ Setting up and modernization of nurseries
â€¢ Protected Cultivation (Poly House/Green House for production of high value vegetables)
â€¢ Import of High Yielding Variety Seeds
â€¢ Integrated Nutrient Management (INM),
â€¢ Adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
â€¢ Capacity buildings of farmers and technicians for adopting improved technologies
â€¢ Post Harvest Management which includes primary processing units, minimal processing units, ripening chamber, reefer vehicle, thereby minimizing post harvest losses and value addition of produce.